MINUTES

OF THE

Synod of North Carolina,

AT THEIR

THIRTY-FOURTH SESSIONS,

HELD IN

FAYETTEVILLE,

November 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th,

1847.

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THIRTY-FOURTH SESSIONS

OF THE

SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Synod, having stood adjourned, to meet on the evening of Wednesday the 27th of October, 1847, at 7 o'clock; and the Moderator, after consultation and reflection, having judged it expedient, from considerations of humanity, benevolence, and convenience, to change the time of meeting, by the postponement of a week; and he having given public notice of this change, Synod accordingly met, in the Presbyterian church of Fayetteville, on Wednesday, the 3d of November, 1847, at 7 o'clock, P. M., agreeably to the appointment of the Moderator.

A sermon was delivered, by The Rev'd Mr. Drury Lacy, the Moderator of Synod, from *Isa.* xxxiii. 6.: "*And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure.*"

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Orange, The Rev'd Messrs. Eli W. Caruthers, Thomas Lynch, Drury Lacy, Gilbert Morgan, William N. Mebane, Edward Hines, Jacob Doll, and Anderson G. Hughs; and Mr. William S. Rankin, Ruling-Elder:

Of the Presbytery of Concord, The Rev'd Mr. Walter S. Pharr; The Rev'd Samuel Williamson, D. D.: and The Rev'd Messrs. William A. Hall, Albertus Leander Watts, and R. H. Laffarty; and Mr. Silas Orr, Ruling-Elder: and

Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, The Rev'd Messrs. Colin McIver, Samuel Paisley, Arch'd McQueen, William N. Peacock, Hector McLean, Hector McNeill, Arch'd Smith, Hugh McLaurin, Frederick K. Nash, Arch'd Baker, Hugh A. Munroe, Neill McKay, Colin Shaw, Andrew McMillan, Angus C. McNeill, Daniel Johnson, and Arch'd D. Campbell; and Messrs. Harvey Leete, David McNeill, Arch'd Ray, William N. Whitted, William S. Andres, and Lemuel D. Cameron, Ruling-Elders.

ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Orange, The Rev'd Messrs. William Paisley, Ezekiel B. Currie, and John H. Pickard; The Rev'd John Witherspoon, D. D. LL. D.; The Rev'd Messrs. Elisha Mitchell, Arch'd D. Montgomery, and Jesse Rankin; The Rev'd Nehemiah H. Harding, D. D.; and The Rev'd Messrs. George W. Ferrill, Robert Burwell, Thomas R. Owen, James Phillips, Daniel G. Doak, John A. Gretter, Daniel Stratton, William C. Sutton, Edmund C. Bittinger, and Arch'd Currie.

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Of the Presbytery of Concord, The Rev'd Robert H. Morrison, D. D.; and The Rev'd Messrs. Henry N. Pharr, Daniel A. Penick, Cyrus Johnson, John Le Roy Davies, John S. McCutchan, Daniel Lindley, Thomas P. Johnstone, James D. Hall, James E. Morrison, James M. H. Adams, William N. Morrison, John M. Wilson, James F. W. Freeman, Lemuel Murray, James Kerr, Elijah F. Rockwell, Samuel B. O. Wilson, H. B. Cunningham, John E. McPherson, Walter W. Pharr, and George M. Gibbs: and

Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, The Rev'd Messrs. Robert Tate, and John McIntyre; The Rev'd Simeon Colton, D. D.; and The Rev'd Messrs. William Brobston, John R. McIntosh, James O. Stedman, Malcom Conoley, and Duncan Black.

The Rev'd Mr. Evander McNair was chosen Moderator; and The Rev'd Messrs. Jacob Doll and Colin Shaw were appointed Temporary Clerks.

Adjourned, to meet, in the Session-room of this church, on to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1847.

Synod met, according to adjournment. Present as above. Opened with prayer. The minutes of last evening were read.

The minutes of the last Stated Sessions of Synod having been printed, and each member having been furnished with a copy thereof, the reading of them was dispensed with.

The Rev'd William M. Atkinson, D. D., and The Rev'd Mr. Benjamin Gilderslieve, members of the Synod of Virginia, and The Rev'd Mr. Henry R. Wilson, Jun'r, a member of the Synod of Northern India, being present, were invited to sit, with this Synod, as corresponding members.

The Annual reports, from the Presbyteries, were produced; and being read, were approved; and ordered to be recorded; and are as follow; viz:

1. The Presbytery of Orange report, to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of Twenty-seven Ministers; and have, under their care, forty-three congregations, five licentiates, and six candidates:—and that, since the date of their last report, they have ordained, *sine titulo*, to the work of the Gospel Ministry, as an Evangelist, The Rev'd Mr. James B. McBride; and dismissed him, with a view to a connexion with the Presbytery of Holston; dissolved the Pastoral relation of The Rev'd Mr. Daniel G. Doak, to the congregation of Clarksville; and dismissed him, with a view to a connexion with the Presbytery of West Tennessee; licensed Messrs. Addison Standfield and Pleasant H. Dalton, to preach the gospel; received, as a member of their Presbytery, from the Presbytery of West Hanover, The Rev'd Mr. William V. Wilson; dissolved the Pastoral relation of The Rev'd Mr. Edmund C. Bittinger, to the

congregation of Washington; and received, under their care, from the Presbytery of Concord, Mr. Cyrus K. Caldwell, a Licentiate."

"Respectfully submitted, by order of the Presbytery."

(Signed.) "N. H. HARDING, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of Concord report, to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of Twenty-seven Ministers; and have, under their care, Fifty-five congregations, six licentiates, and one candidate: that, on the 8th of April, 1847, they received, as a member of their Presbytery, from the Presbytery of Chickasaw, The Rev'd Mr. J. A. Wallace; that, on the 9th of the same month, they dismissed Mr. Cyrus K. Caldwell, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Orange; that, on the 10th of the same month, they dismissed The Rev'd Mr. James Kerr, with a view to a connexion with the Presbytery of Transylvania; that, on the same day, they licensed Messrs. Thaddeus C. Crawford, and Samuel C. Pharr, to preach the gospel; that, on the 1st of June, 1847, they received, from the Presbytery of Bethel, Mr. W. T. Savage, a licentiate; that, on the 14th of July, 1847, they dissolved the Pastoral relation of The Rev'd Mr. John Le Roy Davies, to the congregation of Centre; that, on the same day, they dismissed The Rev'd Mr. J. A. Wallace, with a view to a connexion with the Presbytery of Harmony; and that, on the 23d of August, 1847, they received, from the Presbytery of Louisville, Mr. James Knox, a Licentiate."

"By order of Presbytery."

(Signed,) "JOHN S. McCUTCHAN, Stated Clerk.

3. "The Presbytery of Fayetteville report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of Twenty-nine Ministers; and have, under their care, forty-eight congregations, one licentiate, and three candidates:—that, on the 25th of September, 1846, they restored, to the communion of the church, and to the exercise of the functions of the gospel ministry, The Rev'd Mr. Arch'd McQueen, who had been, for some time, under a sentence of suspension; that, on the 14th of November, 1846, they ordained, *sine titulo*, to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist, The Rev'd Mr. Neill McDonald; that, on the 7th of February, 1847, they ordained The Rev'd Mr. Hector McAlister, Minister of the gospel, and installed him Pastor of the congregation of Rock-fish Factory;—that, on the 9th of April, 1847, they received, under their care, the newly organized church of Mount Edwards; that, on the 10th of April, 1847, they dissolved the Pastoral relation of The Rev'd Mr. Evander McNair, to the congregation of China Grove; and also dissolved the Pastoral relation of The Rev'd Mr. Arch'd Baker, to the congregation of Laurel-hill.

"By order of the Presbytery."

(Signed,) "COLIN McIVER, Stated Clerk."

The following new members of Synod, as above reported, being present, took their seats; viz: Of the Presbytery of Orange, The Rev'd Mr. William V. Wilson; and Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, The Rev'd Messrs. Neill McDonald and Hector McAlister.

The Rev'd Robert H. Morrison, D. D., and The Rev'd Messrs. Walter W. Pharr, Daniel A. Penick, James O. Stedman, and George M. Gibbs appeared in Synod; and having given satisfactory reasons for the lateness of their arrival, took their seats.

Mr. John F. Phifer, a Ruling-Elder from the Presbytery of Concord, and Messrs. Duncan Murchison, Angus Baker, Neill McArthur, John McLeod, and Murdoch Murphy, Ruling-Elders from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, appeared in Synod; and took their seats, as members.

The Rev'd Messrs. Edward Hines, Albertus Leander Watts, Samuel Paisley, Hector McNeill, and Hugh A. Munroe, gave satisfactory reasons for their absence from the last Stated Sessions.

Communications, assigning reasons for absence from the last and present Sessions of this Synod, were received, from The Rev'd Simeon Colton, D. D., The Rev'd John Witherspoon, D. D., LL. D., and The Rev'd Mr. John S. McCutchan. These communications were read; and the reasons for absence therein given, were sustained, as satisfactory.

A communication was also received, from The Rev'd Mr. H. B. Cunningham, which was read and considered. It contained his reasons for absence from the last and present Sessions of this Synod. His reason for absence from the last Stated Sessions, was sustained as satisfactory. The latter part of his communication, containing his reason for absence from the present Sessions, was ordered to be recorded; and is as follows; viz:

"My reason for absence, at the present meeting, is,—Because I believe, firmly, that the meeting is unconstitutional,—in consequence of the manner in which the time of meeting was changed. This is my only excuse for absence, at this time; and I believe it to be sufficient. If, however, Synod should think differently, and refuse to sustain my excuse, I hereby authorise the Moderator to give notice, that I appeal, from their decision, to the General Assembly."

"Yours in the Gospel."

(Signed,) "H. B. CUNNINGHAM."

A communication was received, from Mr. Cook, Principal of the N. Carolina Institution for the instruction of the deaf and dumb, respectfully inviting this Synod, to witness an exhibition of some of the pupils of that institution, at 3 o'clock, this afternoon. The communication was read; and the invitation therein contained, was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Lemuel D. Cameron obtained leave of absence, from the remaining Sessions of Synod.

The Rev'd Mr. Henry R. Wilson, Jun'r, by respectful and unanimous invitation, addressed this Synod, and the congregation in attendance, on the subject of Foreign Missions.

The following committees were appointed; viz:

1. Of Bills and Overtures,—The Rev'd Messrs. Drury Lacy, Walter S. Pharr, James O. Stedman, and Neill McKay; and Messrs. William S. Rankin, David McNeill, and John F. Phifer, Ruling-Elders:

2. To review the records of the Presbytery of Orange,—The Rev'd Mr. William A. Hall, and Mr. Duncan Murchison, Ruling-Elder:

3. To review the records of the Presbytery of Concord,—The Rev'd Mr. Hector McLean, and Mr. Murdoch Murphy, Ruling-Elder:

4. To review the records of the Presbytery of Fayetteville,—The Rev'd Mr. Edward Hines, and Mr. William S. Rankin, Ruling-Elder:

5. To take charge of such written statements on the progress of re-

ligion in the several churches under the care of this Synod, as may be presented by the several Presbyteries; and to prepare a connected summary of their contents, to be submitted to Synod, during the present Sessions,—The Rev'd Messrs. Gilbert Morgan, Arch'd Baker, and Walter W. Pharr; and Mr. John McLeod, Ruling-Elder:

6. To inspect the printed minutes of the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, and make report of such articles therein, as may be found to claim the attention of Synod,—The Rev'd Messrs. Thomas Lynch, Anderson G. Hughes, and Arch'd D. Campbell:

7. To make arrangements for the various religious exercises, to be observed, during the present Sessions of Synod,—The Rev'd Messrs. Adam Gilchrist and Frederick K. Nash; and Mr. Harvey Leete, Ruling-Elder:

8. Judicial committee,—The Rev'd Samuel Williamson, D. D., and The Rev'd Messrs. Eli W. Caruthers and William N. Peacock; and Messrs. William S. Andres and Harvey Leete, Ruling-Elders.

The temporary clerks announced, that there had been put into their hands, the following documents, to be submitted, for Synodical adjudication; viz: An extract, from the minutes of the Session of Paw-Creek church, touching the case of Mr. John Cathey, arraigned, before that Session, on a charge of Incest, for marrying the sister of his deceased wife; Mr. Cathey's Appeal, from the sentence of the Session, to the Presbytery of Concord; extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery of Concord, touching the same case; Mr. Cathey's Appeal, from the judgment of the Presbytery, to this Synod; and a further document, containing the reasons of his Appeal. These documents were put into the hands of the Judicial committee, to be reported on, when examined.

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary was received; and, being read, was approved; and ordered to be recorded; and is as follows; viz:

"The Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary report to the Synod of North Carolina, that, during the last year, they received, as members of the institution, the following persons; viz:

"Pleasant H. Dalton, from Princeton Seminary,
"Alex'r Scott, Graduate of Jefferson College,
"F. N. Whiley, " " "
"Wm. Sheotz, " " "

"The whole number of students in the Seminary, during the last year, has been fourteen.

"At the close of the present year, an examination of the students was held, in the presence of a committee of the Board, which gave evidence of proficiency on the part of the Students.

"Certificates, that they had completed a full course of Theological studies, were given to the following six young gentlemen; viz:

"Pleasant H. Dalton, of Madison, North Carolina,
"Samuel C. Pharr, " Mecklenburg, "
"S. A. Stanfield, " Halifax, Virginia,
"Wm. Stoddert, " Prince William, "
"C. Read Vaughan, " Farmville, "
"J. M. Wilson, " Prince Edward, "

"The funds of the Seminary are not sufficient to meet its annual expenses. At its present Sessions, the Board had under consideration, the propriety of making a final effort for its complete endowment; and resolved, that an Agent be appointed, to raise, for this purpose, in the shortest possible period, Twenty thousand Dollars.

"The Directors for the Seminary, are,

"From the Synod of Virginia, Andrew Hart, Wm. S. White, B. M. Smith, Wm. H. Foote, J. Leyburn, J. D. Ewing, and G. W. McPhail, Ministers; and C. C. Read, A. G. McIlwaine, W. A. Bell, and Dr. Wm. S. Morton, Ruling-Elders:

"From the Synod of North Carolina, John A. Gretter, E. McNair, H. N. Pharr, A. G. Hughs, Drury Lacy, A. Baker, Robert Burwell, and A. L. Watts, Ministers; and Dr. W. W. Carrington, R. V. Watkins, N. C. Read, and James Garland, Ruling-Elders:

"The Officers are,

"Rev'd Drury Lacy, President,
" Wm. H. Foote, D. D., 1st Vice President,
" J. A. Gretter, 2d " "
"Mr. C. C. Read, Secretary,
" F. N. Watkins, Treasurer.

"The Faculty are,

"Rev'd S. B. Wilson, D. D., Professor of Theology,
" S. L. Graham, D. D., Professor of Oriental Literature,
" F. S. Sampson, Assistant Instructer."

"Respectfully submitted."

(Signed.) "CLEMENT READ, Secretary."

The preceding report was committed to The Rev'd Messrs. Caruthers, McLean, Nash, and Lafferty, and Mr. Phifer, with direction to report thereon, during the present Sessions.

Resolved, that the consideration of the report of the committee, to whom the subject of building up a Synodical College had been referred, be made the order of the day, for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The several Presbyteries submitted their reports on the progress of religion within their respective limits; which were put into the hands of the committee appointed to prepare a connected summary of the information therein contained.

Synod proceeded to fill up the existing vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary; and, for this purpose, the following appointments were made; viz: The Rev'd Mr. Robert Burwell, and Mr. James Garland, whose term of service has expired, were re-elected, members of the said Board, to serve for the ensuing four years; and, in the room of The Rev'd Mr. Albertus Leander Watts, whose term of service has also expired, The Rev'd Mr. Gilbert Morgan was elected, a member of the said Board, to serve also for the ensuing four years; and, in the room of Mr. Nicholas C. Read, who has removed his residence from the bounds of this Synod, Mr. John I. Speed was elected, a member of the said Board, to serve for the ensuing year.

The Presbytery of Orange, in obedience to the order of Synod, at its last Stated Sessions, stated the causes of their delinquency, for the three preceding years, in omitting to forward their records, to this Synod, for review; and their excuse was sustained.

There was no report from the Trustees of Synod; nor could any member present account for the absence of such report.

The committee on religious exercises recommended, that the Sermon, on Colportage, to be delivered, before this Synod, by The Rev'd Robert H. Morrison, D. D., be delivered on Friday at 7 o'clock, P. M., and that the Sermon, on Foreign Missions, to be delivered, before this Synod, by The Rev'd Mr. Evander McNair, be delivered, on Saturday, at 7 o'clock, P. M. In this recommendation, Synod concurred.

The Rev'd Mr. John A. Gretter was appointed, to preach, before this Synod, at its next Stated Sessions, a Sermon, on the subject of Colportage; and, in case of his necessary absence, The Rev'd Mr. Albertus Leander Watts was appointed his alternate.

The Rev'd Mr. Neill McKay was appointed, to preach, before this Synod, at its next Stated Sessions, a Sermon, on the subject of Foreign Missions; and, in case of his necessary absence, The Rev'd Mr. Frederick K. Nash was appointed his alternate.

Synod witnessed an interesting exhibition of some of the pupils of the deaf and dumb institution; and, after some time spent, in attention to several very satisfactory specimens of the progress in knowledge made by said Pupils, Synod adjourned, to meet, at this place, on tomorrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1847.

Synod met, according to adjournment. Present as above. Opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Rev'd Mr. John C. Coit, a member of the Synod of South Carolina, being present, was invited to sit, with this Synod, as a corresponding member.

The Rev'd Mr. John R. McIntosh appeared in Synod; and having rendered a satisfactory reason for the lateness of his arrival, took his seat.

Mr. Arch'd Ray obtained leave of absence, during the remaining part of the present Sessions.

Mr. Charles W. Harris, a Ruling-Elder from the Presbytery of Concord, and Messrs. Bethune McKenzie, Malcom McDonald, Henry Elliot, and Robert W. Gibbs, Ruling-Elders from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, appeared in Synod, and took their seats, as members.

A letter from The Rev'd William Henry Foote, D. D., respecting his Historical Sketches of North Carolina, was received, read, and referred to The Rev'd Robert H. Morrison, D. D., and The Rev'd Messrs. William V. Wilson and Hector McAlister, with direction to report thereon, with all convenient expedition.

The Rev'd William M. Atkinson, D. D., Agent for the General Assembly's Board of Education, was heard, on the subject of his Agency. Whereupon, The Rev'd Messrs. Penick, Mebane and Smith were ap-

pointed a Committee to confer with Dr. Atkinson on that subject, and make report thereon, as soon as practicable.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Synod took up the report of the Committee, to whom the subject of building up a Synodical College had been referred. The report was read and accepted; and Synod resolved itself into a committee of the whole, for the consideration thereof,—The Rev'd Mr. Lacy in the chair. After some interesting deliberation, in which the subject of Education, especially as it ought to be promoted in Colleges, was held up prominently to view, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The Judicial Committee reported case, No. 1, which was accepted, and adopted; and the adjudication thereof was made the order of the day, for to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The hearing of the report of the Treasurer of the Committee of Colportage, was made the order of the day for this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

The several committees to whom the records of the Presbyteries had been referred, respectively reported, that they had found the said records kept with care, neatness, and accuracy; and recommended, that they be approved; which was accordingly done. The records of the Presbytery of Orange were approved, to Page 11; those of the Presbytery of Concord were approved, to Page 99; and those of the Presbytery of Fayetteville were approved, to Page 418.

The committee, to whom the communication from The Rev'd William Henry Foote, D. D., had been referred, reported; and their report, being read, was adopted; and is as follows; viz:

"The committee to whom was referred, a communication from The Rev'd Dr. Foote, having considered the same, respectfully recommend to Synod, the adoption of the following resolutions; viz:

"1. *Resolved*, that the Synod of North Carolina express, in grateful terms, their obligations to The Rev'd Dr. Foote, for the able and faithful manner in which he has prepared the Sketches of the Presbyterian Church, in this State, in compliance with their authority.

"2. *Resolved*, that the purpose of the Author, to appropriate, to the cause of Education in North Carolina, the surplus funds, after the expenses of publishing and distributing said work shall be paid for, manifests, on his part, a most disinterested and generous regard for the rising generation in the midst of us; which this Synod should highly and thankfully appreciate.

"3. *Resolved*, that Synod recommend to all its members, to use their best efforts to secure a speedy sale of the whole edition,—demanded alike by the honour of the State, and a due regard for the labours and sacrifices cheerfully submitted to by the Author, for the honour and prosperity of the Presbyterian Church."

"Respectfully submitted."

(Signed,) "ROBERT H. MORRISON,
"WILLIAM V. WILSON,
"HECTOR McALISTER, } Committee."

Agreeably to the order of the day, Synod proceeded to hear the report of the Treasurer of the Committee of Colportage; which being read, was approved, and ordered to be recorded; and is as follows; viz:

"*Report of the Treasurer of the Committee of Colportage, to the Synod of North Carolina, November* 1847.

"The Donations received, per report, in 1845, amounted to			$513 52	
" Ditto in 1846,			97 15	
				$610 67
Sugar Creek church, per Rev'd Mr. Laffarty,			$6 00	
Charlotte, per Rev'd Mr. Cyrus Johnson,			10 00	
Statesville, per Rev'd Mr. E. F. Rockwell,	$20 45			
Ditto Sunday school Depository transferred by the Stockholders, per ditto,	20 00			
			40 45	
Bethany church, per Rev'd Mr. E. F. Rockwell,			3 35	
*Concord Presbytery, per Rev'd Mr. S. B. O. Wilson,	32 86			
" " Books transfer per Mr. Wilson, $124 16				
Reduction on Catalogue prices, 7 29				
	116 87			
Deduct for old almanacs, 1 75				
	115 12			
			147 98	
Church in Fayetteville,			19 45	
Greensborough church, per Mr. Rankin, Treasurer,			12 00	
James Martine, Treasurer, transferred, by order of Fayetteville Presbytery; of which sum, Antioch church gave, per Rev'd Mr. Hector McLean, $4 50; and Philadelphus, $1 50,			8 71	
				247 94
Loan by Synod, part of Legacy paid by the Trustees, per Col. Allison,				17 50
Making the Total of Contributions amount to				$876 11
"The committee have purchased books, of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, amounting to			$3116 44	
Of Rev'd Mr. C. McIver,			165 54	
				$3281 98
American Sunday-school Union,				445 05
Robert Carter, New York,				249 47
Professor Thornwell's book,				35 68
Bible Society,				318 77
American Tract Society,				49 81
Sundries,				33 93
Total amount,				$4414 69
"Cash received for books sold, per report of 1845,			$109 74	
" " " " " " " " 1846,			1389 82	
				$1499 56
Ditto, since last report; viz:				
Presbyterian Sunday-school, Fayetteville,			$8 73	
Rev'd Mr. A. Gilchrist,			7 10	
Rev'd Mr. J. S. McCutchan, from Depository at Statesville,			14 50	
Rev'd Mr. J. E. McPherson,			40 00	
Rev'd Mr. E. F. Rockwell,			60 39	
Mr. James H. McNeill,			25 54	
Mr. Neill Patterson,			8 75	
Rev'd Mr. Arch'd Smith,			1 71	
Mr. S. P. Sorrell,			10 00	
Mr. S. D. Collins,			44 00	
Mr. James W. Reed (late Colporteur,)			38 00	
Carried forward,			$258 72	

* There was the sum of $40 paid before by Mr. Wilson, included in report of last year.

Brought over,		$258 72	
Mr. Roderick Shaw,		5 20	
Mr. Daniel G. Patterson,		118 47	
Mr. Alex'r M. McDonald,		180 89	
Mr. Arch'd Graham, (Colporteur,)		50 55	
Mr. John R. McDonald,		336 00	
Mr. John F. McNeely,		550 02	
Rev'd Mr. Hugh McAlpin,		190 67	
Retail sales at Depository,		117 95	
			1808 47
Total Cash receipts,			$3308 03

"There are accounts due, and books to be accounted for; viz:

Rev'd Mr. Peacock, books left with him, by Mr. Beatty, (Colporteur,)		$20 12	
Rev'd Mr. Hugh Munroe, due for books,		36 49	
Rev'd Mr. E. F. Rockwell, books sent to him, for convenience of Colporteur,		57 38	
Mr. Arch'd Graham, Colporteur,		238 40	
Mr. John R. McDonald,		199 99	
Mr. John F. McNeely,		219 81	
Rev'd Mr. Hugh McAlpin,		133 67	
Rev'd Mr. S. D. Collins,		41 93	
		957 79	
Mr. Thomas F. Beatty, (late Colporteur,)	$6 60		
Mr. Neill Patterson,	0 82		
Mr. Daniel G. Patterson, (late Colporteur,)	46 61		
Rev'd Mr. F. K. Nash,	1 60		
Mr. James Williams,—note,	4 80		
Mr. Alex'r McAlister,—note,	2 50		
		62 93	
		$1010 72	
Books in Depository,—estimated value,		400 00	
			$1410 72
We have 4 Carryalls and 3 horses, which cost the concern $572 90, with harness; but two of the carryalls are nearly run down. One of them has been constantly in service, for near 3 years. I estimate the present value of the whole, at about,			400 00
Making the available means of the committee,			$1810 72

"We are in debt to

The Presbyterian Board of Publication,	$673 22	
Mr. Robert Carter, New York,	120 36	
Bible Society,	71 77	
The Treasurer, for advance of	83 19	
	$948 54	
Loan from Synod,	17 50	
		966 04
Leaving an estimated balance of being nearly the amount of contributions.		$844 68
"The Contingent expenses, for freight, marine and fire insurance, exchange, drayage, repairs, Postage, &c. &c., have amounted to		$179 55

"I have not given the items in the Cash Account; inasmuch as it would be merely repeating the preceding statements, in detail.

"Cash, balance on hand, per report of last year,	$197 52
Cash, received since, from all sources, donations, sales, &c.	1959 34
Total,	$2156 86
Cash paid, amounts to,	2240 05
Balance due to the Treasurer,	$83 19

"We have four Colporteurs now in the field;—Mr. McNeely, in the bounds of Concord Presbytery; Mr. Graham, in Orange Presbytery; and Mr. McDonald and Mr. McAlpin, in Fayetteville Presbytery.

"Synod will observe, from this report, that but few of the churches, (8 in all,) have attended to the resolutions passed at your Sessions in Greensborough, by taking up collections for this cause.

"Could we operate upon the *Cash* principle, it would be much more pleasant to your officers, and a considerable saving to the Synod.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) "GEORGE McNEILL, Treasurer of the Committee of Colportage."

The preceding report was referred to The Rev'd Messrs. Caruthers, McIntosh, and McQueen, to report thereon, during the present Sessions.

The committee to whom the Report of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary had been referred, exhibited their report; which, being read, was adopted; and is as follows; viz:

"The committee to whom was referred, the Report of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, beg leave to submit the following:

"That, having taken into consideration the above Document, they find nothing calling for the attention of Synod, but the action of the Board, appointing a special Agent, for the collection of a Permanent fund of Twenty Thousand Dollars, as soon as practicable: Upon which, they submit the following, viz:

"*Resolved*, that we cordially approve the object contemplated in the above action of the Board, and heartily invite their Agent to visit our churches, in reference to the object of his Agency."

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) "ELI W. CARUTHERS, "HECTOR McLEAN, "FREDERICK K. NASH, "R. H. LAFFARTY, "JOHN F. PHIFER, } Committee."

The committee, to whom the subject of the moral state of the coloured population within the bounds of this Synod, had been referred, and who had been directed to report some plan, by which that population shall be more completely furnished with religious instruction, exhibited their report; which, being read, considered, and amended, was adopted; and is as follows; viz:

"The committee appointed, at the last Stated Sessions of Synod, to inquire into the moral condition of the coloured population within our bounds, and to report such measures as ought to be adopted, to provide, more effectually, for their religious instruction, beg leave to submit the following remarks and resolutions, as their report.

"A late writer, on this subject, has observed, that *'the* NATIONAL MIND, *is beginning to look earnestly at the* POLITICAL *aspect of the Slavery question; the* RELIGIOUS MIND, *at its* MORAL *aspect; and the* SOUTHERN MIND, *at its* SOCIAL *and* ECONOMICAL *aspect.'* Whilst we believe the above statement of Dr. Durbin, as a matter of fact, to be substantially true; we doubt, whether the Evangelical mind of this Synod, or of a large part of the Christian world, is properly awake to the moral necessities of the coloured race, or to the obligations which Christianity imposes, in their behalf. This, too, we are constrained to fear, is emphatically true, of the Evangelical mind, touching the coloured population of this country.

"How much soever men may perplex and vex themselves and others about the Slavery question, in its various political, moral, social, and economical aspects; or differ in opinion, in regard to the civil relations of our coloured population; there are important aspects of this great and delicate subject, in which, (it may be assumed,) all good and wise men are cordially agreed.

"1. Our coloured population, whether bond or free, are, equally with any classes of society, the accountable, moral agents of the great Creator, Preserver, and Proprietor of mankind; and, as such, are destined, either to live forever with the redeemed in Heaven; or, to lie down, with the lost spirits, in everlasting burnings. It is a gross slander, to charge Southern Christians, as they have been often charged, with regarding and treating their slaves, as beasts of burden; or, at best, as mere hewers of wood and drawers of water. They should be, and, in fact, by Southern Christians, are regarded and treated, as the immortal and accountable creatures of God, as truly as their masters are;—hastening, with them, to the same tribunal, to render a strict account, and to receive a righteous retribution.

"2. Our servants are parts and parcels, with our children, of our households;—strictly and emphatically, minor members of our families; and so regarded, both by the civil and moral law. Hence, the laws of the country hold the heads of families bound, to feed and clothe,—to treat humanely,—to protect and defend, both children and servants;—thus making them both minors;—the one class, through life; the other, until they arrive at a certain age. The term, "*household*," in scripture, too,—though variously used, is often so employed, as to include, with the children, the *servants* of the house, whether bond or hired. Hence, "*household servants*," we find to be a scripture phrase. The term, "*servants*," moreover, is very frequently, if not generally, so used as necessarily to imply this relation. In the fourth commandment, they, as well as the sons and daughters, are specially enumerated in the prohibition. Thus, not only does the whole frame-work of society, with the universal operation of social and domestic ties, but also the genius and spirit of the Bible, with all its implications, touching this subject, bear us out in the conclusion, that our servants are minors,—members of our households,—bearing a relation to their masters, in many respects, similar to that which children bear to their parents. Hence,

"3. We infer, that there is a solemn obligation resting upon masters,

to care and provide for their servants,—to say the least, as binding as that to provide for their children. Nor is this obligation confined to the feeding and clothing of them,—to the promotion of their domestic comfort, or the protection of them in their civil rights: It extends to their spiritual and immortal interests. There is, evidently, in nature,—in the moral sense of mankind, as well as in enlightened reason, something that concedes to the position here taken: And especially does this feeling develope itself, when Christianity exerts its legitimate influence. Children and servants are alike dependent, and subject to authority. They are, therefore, in like manner, to be cared and provided for,—especially in regard to the interests of the soul. Yea, more: As the servant is a minor for life, and his time under the control of his master; it is the dictate of common sense, as well as of the Bible, that there is a special and most solemn obligation resting upon his master, to provide for his religious instruction. If this be not true, Who is to provide for it? Their condition, on this supposition, is worse than that of the heathen: For, if there be no obligation on their masters, thus to provide for them, then, it will follow, that they are left, in the arrangements of the divine government, entirely unprovided for;—placed, not only out of,—but even beyond the reach of the means of salvation:—a conclusion not to be entertained, for a moment.

"4. It may be fairly assumed, moreover, that, if the foregoing positions be tenable, the judicatories of the church are bound to look after the spiritual interests and welfare of our coloured population, with as much care and diligence, to say the least, as they do after those of any other classes of the community. Most obviously, we should be more concerned for them, than for the distant heathen;—because they are in the midst of us, dependent upon us; we reap the fruit of their labour, in common with their masters; and if *we* do not care and provide for them, *no other* Christian organization will. Indeed, as that class of people generally, with very few and rare exceptions, are more ignorant, have less capacity, possess fewer facilities and opportunities, and are more liable to error, and more exposed to temptations, they should claim more of our sympathy and effort. The judicatories of the church, therefore, as well as other portions of the community, have weighty obligations resting upon them, in regard to what have been called our domestic heathen. They should carefully look after and facilitate, not only the religious instruction of the people in general, and of the children of the church in particular, but also and especially, of the coloured population, within their respective bounds. At any rate, they should see, that the coloured population of their own congregations are thoroughly instructed in the principles and doctrines of Christianity.

"According to the last Statistical Table of the United States, there are, within the bounds of this Synod, about Two hundred and forty-five thousand, and eight hundred coloured slaves, and over Twenty-two Thousand and seven hundred free persons of colour; making, of coloured population, an aggregate of Two hundred and sixty-eight thousand, and five hundred. Allowing one-fifth part of these to be provided for with religious instruction, by the Presbyterian church, then, our churches should accommodate, and our ministers should serve, Fifty-

three thousand and seven hundred coloured people. Setting down the number of our churches, according to the last statistical report of the General Assembly, at a hundred and forty-five, and the number of Ministers, at eighty-five; then, each of our churches should furnish accommodations for not less than three hundred and seventy coloured persons, and each of our ministers should instruct more than six hundred and thirty. Compare this result with another item in the statistical report of our church, viz: the number of coloured communicants; and we may, perhaps, more nearly approximate the amount of our deficiency, on this subject. The number of coloured communicants reported, is seven hundred and six. As one of the Presbyteries, (Orange,) seems not to have reported at all, on this subject, it may be assumed, that the statistical report is short of the truth; say, nearly, one-half: And, of the fifteen thousand and seven hundred coloured people, whom we should instruct and train up for the Kingdom of Heaven, at the largest calculation, only about fifteen hundred are professing christians. Supposing, moreover, that each of our churches furnishes accommodations for a hundred of these persons, (which is believed to be above the truth,) then, fourteen thousand and five hundred are supplied with the means of grace, whilst thirty-nine thousand and two hundred are left unprovided for.

"Now, if the other evangelical denominations are not doing far more than we, as a denomination, are doing, in behalf of our coloured population, there must be a most appalling and criminal deficiency, chargeable to the Christians of this land, in providing for their religious instruction. This destitution is the more tremendously appalling, when we recollect, as before stated, that these people are in the midst of us, members of our families, laboring for our enjoyment, dependent upon us for all they have or expect, of religious instruction, as well as of physical comfort; and hastening, with us, to the tribunal of the Just, where we are held solemnly responsible, for the proper training of our servants, as well as of our children.

"Nor has the correspondence of your Committee with the Presbyteries furnished the materials for drawing a less discouraging picture than that which is now presented. No Presbyterial action, it is believed, has been had, in either of the Presbyteries of Orange or Concord, except, in the latter, to refer the subject to a committee, to report upon, next Spring. In most of the houses of worship in these Presbyteries, as well as in that of Fayetteville, places are appropriated for the coloured people,—perhaps sufficient to accommodate the small numbers that attend. If these appropriations were more spacious and comfortable, and especially if the coloured people received more frequent, direct, and appropriate attention, it is believed, that their attendance would be much more numerous, constant, and profitable. In a few of the churches, there are weekly Sabbath-schools, for the oral instruction of the coloured portion of the congregation; and in some of these, as well as in many christian families, Dr. Jones's catechism is successfully used. Most of our ministers preach, more or less frequently, by special appointment, to the coloured people. On such occasions, the attendance is much more numerous, and the attention much more encouraging.

The committee are gratified to be able to state, that the Presbytery of Fayetteville is reported to have taken special action, and to be actively and successfully engaged, in behalf of their coloured population. That Presbytery has taken the ground, that the coloured people constitute constituent parts of the respective congregations within the bounds of which they live; and are to receive a proportionable part of the Pastoral and Ministerial labour. In that Presbytery also, Sabbath-schools, and Bible and Catechetical classes are attended to, by many of the Ministers, Ruling-Elders and private christians, at the church, at their own houses, and, in some instances, in houses erected for the special benefit of the coloured people. That Presbytery, moreover, requires their Ministers and Church-Sessions to present a minute report, at each Semi-Annual meeting, of their labours and success among the people of colour. It ought further to be stated, that that Presbytery has made several abortive efforts, and are still desirous, to obtain the services of a Missionary, exclusively for the benefit of the negroes within their bounds.

"Whilst the moral character and deportment of those coloured people, that are members of our churches, or that attend regularly upon the means of grace, are quite as good, in proportion to their knowledge and opportunities, as those of the whites, it is humiliating and distressing to know, that the reverse is true, of those that are neither members of the church, nor hearers of the Gospel. This fact should stimulate us, to the adoption of such measures, for their benefit, as will place them under the transforming influence of the gospel of Christ.

"With the view of calling a more general and special attention to this subject, and for the purpose of having the spiritual interests of our coloured people more fully and extensively understood, as well as more adequately and more effectually attended to, your committee respectfully recommend the following resolutions, for the adoption of Synod: viz:

"Resolved, 1. That the Synod of North Carolina feels a deep solicitude for the moral and spiritual interests of her coloured population.—believing that they demand the special attention of the Judicatories, Pastors, and Sessions of our churches.

"2. That the Presbyteries under the care of this Synod be directed to pay very special attention to this subject;—to call the attention of all the Churches and Pastors under their care particularly to it;—to see, as far as practicable, that adequate and comfortable accommodations be furnished to them in the Sanctuary;—and that the gospel be preached to them, as to the poor for whom the gospel was provided; and to enjoin it upon christian families, to do all they can to cause them to sanctify the Sabbath, attend the Sanctuary, and to have them otherwise thoroughly instructed in the principles of revealed religion.

"3. That it be earnestly recommended to the Presbyteries, to employ, each, as soon as practicable, a Missionary of undoubted qualifications, to devote himself exclusively, to this department of labour, within their respective bounds, and to report, faithfully, his plans and their results, at each Semi-Annual meeting."

"All which is respectfully submitted."

(Signed,) "DANIEL A. PENICK,
"NEILL McKAY,
"WILLIAM N. MEBANE,
} Committee."

For a reason assigned, which was satisfactory to the Synod, the Treasurer of Synod was excused from presenting a report, until the next Stated Sessions.

Adjourned, to meet, at this place, on to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1847.

Synod met, according to adjournment. Present as above. Opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Rev'd Messrs. Arch'd Baker, and Andrew McMillan, and Messrs. Angus Baker, John McLeod and Malcom McDonald, obtained leave of absence from 12 o'clock to-day, and during the remaining part of the present Sessions.

Mr. Dolphin A. Davis, a Ruling-Elder from the Presbytery of Concord, appeared in Synod; and took his seat, as a member.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Synod took up, for adjudication, Case, No. 1; as reported by the Judicial Committee, on yesterday; viz: the Appeal of Mr. John Cathey, from the decision of the Presbytery of Concord, affirming the judgment of the Session of Paw-Creek church, whereby he had been suspended from the ordinances of God's house, on a charge of Incest, for marrying the sister of his deceased wife.

The Moderator, agreeably to a standing rule, solemnly announced, from the chair, that the Synod was about to pass, to the consideration of the business assigned for trial; and he enjoined on the members, to recollect and regard their high character, as Judges of a Court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty, in which they were about to act.

The report of the Judicial committee, in this case, as a general guide to the order of its adjudication, was ordered to be recorded; and is as follows; viz:

"The Judicial committee, to whom was referred, the Appeal of Mr. John Cathey from the decision of the Presbytery of Concord, affirming the judgment of the Session of Paw-Creek church, by which the said Cathey was suspended from the privileges of the church, Report, that, having examined the papers put into their hands, they find them in order; and recommend, that the Appeal be taken up, and decided by the Synod.

"Your committee recommend the following order, in the case, as prescribed in Chapter vii, Section iii, of our Book of discipline, viz:

"1. That the judgment of the Presbytery appealed from, be read:

"2. That the Appeal, and Reasons of Appeal, be read:

"3. That the parties be heard:

"4. That the roll be called, that the members may have an opportunity to express their opinions: and

"5. That the vote be taken.

(Signed,) "SAMUEL WILLIAMSON,
"ELI W. CARUTHERS,
"WILLIAM N. PEACOCK,
"WILLIAM S. ANDRES,
"HARVEY LEETE, } Committee."

The following papers, connected with the case, were then read; viz:

1. The judgment of the Presbytery of Concord, expressed in the following words; viz:

Marion, N. C., August 21, 1847.

"In the case of Mr. John Cathey, who had married his deceased wife's sister, and had, thereupon, by the Session of Paw-Creek church, been suspended from the privileges of the church, for the said offence; and his appeal to the Presbytery of Concord, from the judgment of the said Session having been duly tried, on taking the final vote thereon, the decision of the said Session was unanimously confirmed."

"Attested by JOHN S. McCUTCHAN, Stated Clerk."

2. Mr. Cathey's Appeal to the Synod, in the following words; viz:

"The undersigned, having been suspended from the privileges of the church, by the Session of Paw-Creek church, for what they are pleased to call the crime of *Incest;* and this action of the Session having been sustained by the Presbytery of Concord, to which I appealed; and feeling myself aggrieved by this sentence, I beg leave, respectfully to appeal to the Synod of North Carolina, for redress.

"My reasons for making this appeal, are the following:

"1. The General Assembly has never, by a direct vote, decided, that such marriages are incestuous; and from this fact, I inferred, that they considered the prohibition in our Book as unscriptural or obsolete.

"2. In some parts of the church, *Ministers* have formed this connexion; and no censure has ever been passed upon them. Hence, I inferred, that, if it was considered as no crime in *them*, it could not be one, in the case of *a private member.*

"3. I consider the Presbytery as having erred, in refusing to sustain my appeal, inasmuch as, so far as I can discover, there is no scriptural prohibition of such marriages.

"4. From the views and practice of the Presbyterian church, in various parts of the United States, on this question, I was induced to believe, that the article in the Confession of Faith under which I have been suspended, had become obsolete, and that such marriages were not regarded, either as unscriptural, or as Anti-Presbyterian.

"5. The Presbytery of Fayetteville have recognised, and so far sanctioned such marriages, as to restore, to the privileges of the church, and to the Office of the ministry, The Rev'd Mr. Arch'd McQueen, who had been suspended for such marriage.

"6. The Synod of North Carolina have recognised as valid, and sanctioned such marriages, in sustaining the action of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, in the case of Mr. McQueen.

"7. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church have recognised as valid, and sanctioned such marriages, in authorising the Presbytery of Fayetteville, to restore, to the office of the Ministry, the said Rev'd Mr. Arch'd McQueen.

"For these reasons, I humbly and earnestly crave, from the Synod, redress of the grievance under which I labour, and restoration to the privileges I formerly enjoyed."

(Signed,) "JOHN CATHEY."

In the absence of the Appellant, and at his request, The Rev'd Mr.

Eli W. Caruthers was appointed to represent him, and to manage his case, before the Synod.

The Rev'd Mr. Caruthers was heard, in support of Mr. Cathey's Appeal; and the Presbytery of Concord was heard, in defence of their decision.

The roll was now called; and an opportunity was thus given to each member, to express his sentiments, on the case before the Court.

The final vote was, then, taken; and, the question being put, "Shall the Appeal be sustained, or not?" it was decided in the negative. So, the judgment of the Presbytery of Concord was sustained, and Mr. Cathey's Appeal dismissed.

The Rev'd Mr. Caruthers, on behalf of the Appellant, gave notice of an Appeal from the above decision, to the next General Assembly. The Appeal was, then, read, and admitted to record; and is as follows; viz:

"The Appeal of John Cathey, a member of Paw-Creek church, from a decision of the Synod of North Carolina, in his case, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, to meet, in the First Presbyterian church, in the City of Baltimore, on the third Thursday of May 1848.

"The undersigned, having been suspended from the privileges of the church, by the Session of Paw-Creek church, for what they regard as the crime of Incest; viz: that of having married the sister of my deceased wife; which decision of the Session having been sustained by the Presbytery of Concord, and then by the Synod of North Carolina, I beg leave to appeal, for redress, from the decision of said Synod, to your venerable body, for the following reasons.

"1. Because it is believed, by your Appellant, and by many of the ablest and most useful men in the Presbyterian church, that there is no explicit prohibition of such marriages in the Bible; and that it is unjust to sever a man from all connexion with the church, for an act which is not condemned in the Word of God. Such a law cannot be binding on the conscience; and must become a dead letter, if it be not abrogated.

"2. The views and practice of the Presbyterian church, in different parts of the United States, have been so various; and the judicial action, on similar cases, even by the General Assembly, as well as by inferior judicatories, has been of such a character, as to induce the belief, on the part of your Appellant, that the Article in the Confession of Faith, under which, he has been suspended, had become obsolete; and that such marriages were not regarded as either unscriptural or Anti-Presbyterian.

"3. Not only private members, but also Office-bearers, and even Ministers of the Gospel, of high standing in our church, have contracted such marriages; and are living in this *incestuous connexion*, as some are pleased to call it, who have never been even censured. To your Appellant, this appears inconsistent; and unjustifiable, either by sound reason or the principles of the gospel; and the Presbyterian church presents rather a singular aspect to the world; while one Session, Presbytery, or Synod, condemns, as a most heinous offence, inflicting on the persons committing it the highest censure of the church, an act, which,

by other Sessions, Ministers, Presbyteries, and higher Judicatories, is regarded as no offence at all. For the sake of consistency, therefore, and of even-handed justice, it is hoped, that the sentence, in my case, will be reversed.

"4. Many members of our church, and even some Ministers of the Gospel, who have violated this article of our Confession of Faith, by entering into the marriage relation with the sister of a deceased wife, have, in a short time, been restored to the full enjoyment of the privileges, of which, they had been, for a time, deprived. It may be said, that I have given no evidence of repentance, nor given the church time to be satisfied, that my punishment is equal to the offence. To this, I answer, in the first place, that I am not conscious of having violated the authority of God, in this matter. I have violated an article of our Confession; but, so far as I can see, not the Word of God. In the next place, no evidence of repentance can be given, without being guilty of what most people would regard as a much greater crime; for, by the laws of the country, a man cannot be divorced from his wife, on this ground, even if he wished; so that, if he is excluded from the church at all, he must be excluded for life; or, at least, while his wife lives: but I cannot learn, that any of our judicatories now take this ground.

"5. It is believed, that the General Assembly never has, by a *direct vote*, declared such marriages incestuous; and this fact, in connexion with others already mentioned, must be regarded (especially by a private member, who is not so capable of examining the subject, as Ministers, and others of education,) as proof, that they are not explicitly condemned in the Word of God.

"6. While it is a good rule, for each individual, in relation to his own conduct, to be on the safe side, and abstain from what appears *to him* to be of doubtful propriety;—when men are called to sit in judgment on the conduct of *others*, who acted *conscientiously*, it seems to me, that they should act upon the opposite principle.

"For all these reasons, I hope, that your venerable body will reverse the decision of the Synod; and restore me to the communion of the church, from which I have been debarred.

(Signed.) "JOHN CATHEY."

The Judicial business of the Synod being thus disposed of, the court rose.

The committee appointed to inspect the printed Minutes of the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and make report of such articles therein as may be found to claim the attention of Synod, exhibited their report; which, being read, was adopted; as is as follows; viz:

"The committee to whom the Printed Minutes of the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian church had been referred, respectfully report, that, having examined said Minutes, several items therein contained appeared to them to claim the attention of Synod; but, that, in reference to the most of these, your committee find themselves anticipated, the articles alluded to having been brought forward, for Synodical consideration and action, in other forms, and connected with other reports;—particularly, the subject of *Christian Education*,—the most important subject claiming the attention of this Synod. Apart from this great subject, only one article appears to your committee, to claim the

attention of this Synod;—touching which, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution; viz:

"*Resolved*, that this Synod approve of the action of the last General Assembly, on the subject of their correspondence with the General Assemblies of the Free Presbyterian church of Scotland, and of the Presbyterian church of Ireland." "Respectfully submitted."

(Signed,) "THOMAS LYNCH, "ANDERSON G. HUGHS, "ARCH'D D. CAMPBELL, } Committee."

The committee appointed to confer with The Rev'd Wm. M. Atkinson, D. D., on the subject of Education, reported; and their report, being read, was adopted; and is as follows; viz:

"Your committee respectfully recommend to Synod, the adoption of the following resolutions; viz:

"1. *Resolved*, That this Synod doth hereby renew its testimony, so often solemnly borne, with reference to the absolute necessity of learning, as well as piety, to an efficient gospel Ministry.

"2. *Resolved*, That, in the judgment of this Synod, it is the duty of every congregation, and of every individual christian, not in circumstances of entire destitution, to contribute, annually, much or little, according to the ability which God may have given, to the Boards of Missions, Foreign and Domestic, and the Board of Education, of the Presbyterian church.

"3. *Resolved*, That it be, and it hereby is enjoined on all Pastors within the bounds of this Synod, to bring the subject of preparation for the Gospel Ministry, before the minds of all such persons, under their Pastoral charge, as they may suppose to be suited to that work; to explain to them the nature of a call, and the proper qualifications for the Ministry, and to urge on them, the necessity of earnest and prayerful inquiry, into the question of personal duty, in this matter.

"4. *Resolved*, That it is hereby enjoined on Pastors and Sessions, to exercise the most affectionate and vigilant Pastoral supervision, which circumstances may allow, over all young persons, in their several congregations, who may be engaged, in any stage of preparation, for the gospel ministry.

"5. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to Pastors, at some suitable time during the coming Synodical year, to preach on the subject of the Gospel Ministry, setting forth the dignity and importance of the office, the nature of a call thereto, the obligation resting on parents to dedicate their children to this work, and on all believers to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth more labourers into his harvest.

"6. *Resolved*, That the Presbyteries under the care of this Synod be urged again to pay very special attention to the training of Candidates for the Ministry, in all the stages of their preparation, that they be rigid in their requisitions of such candidates, touching the accuracy and thoroughness, as well as the extent of their training, in all the preparatory course prescribed in our standards.

"All which is respectfully submitted."

(Signed,) "DANIEL A. PENICK, "WILLIAM N. MEBANE, "ARCH'D SMITH, } Committee."

The Rev'd Mr. Stephen Frontis and Dr. C. W. Harris were appointed, a committee of this Synod, to collect, and forward to the Board of Education, the statistical information called for by the fourth resolution, on the subject of Education, adopted by the last General Assembly.

Synod called on the Agents for Foreign Missions, in the several Presbyteries, for their Annual Reports, with the following results; viz:

1. From the Agent of the Presbytery of Orange, for Foreign Missions, no report was received.

2. The Agent of the Presbytery of Concord, for Foreign Missions, exhibited his report; which was read and approved; and is as follows; viz:

"The Agent for Foreign Missions, in the Presbytery of Concord, respectfully reports to Synod, that, as heretofore, he has called on all the Pastors and churches within the bounds of the Presbytery, for their annual contributions, for the past year; and that he received contributions from eighteen churches, amounting to about four hundred and forty one dollars. The Agent was informed, that more than a hundred dollars were contributed to our Board of Foreign Missions, by two others of our churches, which have not passed through his hands. The whole amount contributed, during the year, from twenty churches, is about five hundred and fifty dollars. The Agent regrets to be obliged to state, that he has not been able to elicit any action, in this great cause, from some thirty-five of our churches. He is gratified to know, however, that the spirit of Missions is gradually improving; and that a larger number of churches has contributed, and a larger amount has been contributed, during the past than the preceding year. It is proper further to state, that the thing has now become a habit, both with the churches that contribute, and those that do not contribute, to this cause;—the one class acting under a sense of duty;—the other, either from inability, indifference, or oversight. This latter class, it is earnestly hoped, will gradually diminish, until the habit of regular and systematic contributions, shall be fully established, in all our churches.

"Respectfully submitted."

(Signed.) "DANIEL A. PENICK, Agent."

3. The Agent of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, for Foreign Missions, exhibited his report; which was read and approved; and is as follows; viz:

"The Agent, for Foreign Missions, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, would respectfully report, that many of our churches have adopted systematic arrangements for the collection of their benevolent contributions; and that many others take up collections for several objects, annually. Your Agent, therefore, contented himself with a promise, from brethren of the Ministry and Eldership, that contributions, for Foreign Missions, would be taken up, in their respective churches, during the Ecclesiastical year. Some churches, however, have been delinquent; and the noble example of some has not been followed by others; and the Agent is grieved, that the amount of contributions is not equal to the ability of the churches under the care of this Presbytery."

"All which is respectfully submitted, by

(Signed,) "ARCH'D SMITH, Agent."

The committee to whom the report of the Treasurer of the Commit-

tee of Colportage had been referred, exhibited their report; which, being read, was adopted; and is as follows; viz:

"The committee to whom was referred, the Report of the Treasurer of the Colportage committee, beg leave to submit the following report.

"Your committee have carefully examined the important document referred to them; and compared it with the Treasurer's Books and files, and they find it correct, and sustained by proper vouchers. Your committee are highly gratified to learn, that the operations of the committee in this interesting work, during the past year, have been greatly extended, beyond the operations of past years;—having bought and sold more books, since the last report, than they did during the two preceding years.

"Books, to the value of Two thousand two hundred and fourteen dollars, have been purchased, during the past year; and nearly all of them have been distributed.

"From the report, it will be seen, that more money has been paid out, than has been received.

"Your committee regret to hear, that so few of the churches have complied with the resolution of the last Synod, enjoining a collection to be taken up; and therefore, they respectfully recommend to Synod, the adoption of the following resolution; viz:

"Resolved, that it be again enjoined on all our Ministers, to call the attention of their churches to the Colportage cause; and that collections, in its behalf, be taken up, in those churches that have not already contributed to this object, as soon as practicable."

"Respectfully submitted."

(Signed,) "ELI W. CARUTHERS, "JOHN R. McINTOSH, "ARCH'D McQUEEN, } Committee."

The committee appointed to prepare a connected summary of the information contained in the statements of the several Presbyteries, of the progress of religion within their respective limits, submitted their draught of said summary; which, being read, was adopted; and is as follows; viz:

"It is a rare Providence, that no member of the Synod has been removed by death; and the year has been distinguished by other signal blessings.

"Several churches have witnessed the manifest presence of the Spirit of God, giving power and efficacy to the preaching of the plainest doctrines, and to prayer. Many have been brought to 'repentance unto life'; and have 'witnessed a good profession.' The standard of piety has been elevated; the consolations of some increased; prayer more prevalent; and the distinction between the church and the world has become more apparent. Pastors have shared in these spiritual blessings; and have been guided and aided, by a divine faith, and spiritual discernment. Long will the church in Greensborough remember this year of their increase: So of Lexington and Salisbury. Others have been edified; as Salem church, Fourth Creek-church, and Bethany.

"Recently, Centre church, in Robeson County, under the Pastoral care of The Rev'd Mr. Nash, has received a hundred and thirty-three

members, as the fruits of this revival. This is thought to be the most extensive work of grace witnessed in this State, for many years.

"These blessings appear the greater, as so many youth, in the progress of their education, in Female Seminaries and Academies, have turned unto the Lord. What an encouragement, at this time, when the Synod are establishing Parochial Schools, Academies, and a College, in harmony with the doctrines and usages of the best days of the Reformation, and of the early periods of our own church. The Synod affectionately request all the churches, to render thanks to Almighty God, for these signal and unmerited blessings. Our work is before us; and the Pastors of no State encounter greater hindrances, or need stronger encouragements.

"In relation to ordinary events,—the great harmony of feeling, and union of counsel, in the several Presbyteries, and in the whole Synod, have diffused over the minds of the people and of the brethren, a benign influence. The Synod are encouraged to undertake a system of Presbyterial Education, to increase their efforts for Domestic and Foreign Missions; and to do more for the conversion of the coloured race and the circulation of the Bible, and of the religious publications of our church.

"May Satan's kingdom be speedily destroyed, and the kingdom of grace be quickly advanced: May multitudes of immortal souls be daily brought into Christ's kingdom, and constantly kept in it; and thus, may the kingdom of glory be hastened"!

The Committee to whom the subject of building up a Synodical College had been referred, exhibited their report, as modified by the suggestions made, during its discussion, by the committee of the whole, on yesterday; and the report, thus modified, being read, was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

"System of Presbyterial Education, reported by Professor Morgan, and adopted by the Synod.

"The committee appointed to report on Davidson College, in relation, not only to the interests of Education, but especially in regard to the prosperity of the Presbyterian church, in this State, and to report upon *the whole subject*, have been led, as well by these directions as by our own *diversity of views*, to present the more comprehensive question; viz: Our present *means*, and the best practical method of organizing and carrying forward a system of christian Education, for the Presbyterian population of North Carolina.

"Since being appointed, the parts of such a system, the benefits and obligations, have been spread before all our minds, in the most lucid and ample manner, supported by the most weighty arguments, and from the highest authority. Another report, on these fundamental, constitutional, providential topics, is not required.

"We already have the elements of this system. Our fathers accomplished much, worthy of being invigorated, matured, and handed down. We are all doing something. Let these fragmentary parts be wrought into one well-ordered system; and light will arise; spirit will animate; and a Sabbath of rest and peace will bless our work.

"To this end, the committee most respectfully request the brethren,

to resolve themselves into a committee of the whole, for the most unreserved conference and consultation. Resolutions will avail nothing. Let us look each other in the face. The most serious hindrances arise from our own feelings. Great objects are sacrificed to small obstacles. Go into the conference, and we need no report. We can agree upon the work to be done, appoint the Agents, give instructions, and see to it that it is well done.

"The following resolutions are proposed, not to control the conference, but as designating, with brevity, the several parts of the system.

"1. *Resolved*, That the Report on Parochial Schools, by the authority of the General Assembly, designating three grades of Institutions,—the *first* under the care of the Church-Sessions, the *second* under the care of the Presbyteries, and the third under the care of the Synods,—merits our entire and strong approval.

"2. *Resolved*, That the legislation in this State furnishes urgent motives for the prompt and vigorous prosecution of these several parts of our system.

"3. *Resolved*, That each Presbytery add to its items of annual business the one of Education; appoint a standing committee of Education to carry into operation the first grade of schools; require the Sessions to report to Presbytery, yearly, what they are doing and leaving undone; and that each Presbytery report, circumstantially, to the Synod.

"4. *Resolved*, That the term, PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, be used, by this Synod, for the first grade of schools, and include all schools for elementary instruction, under the care of any one Church-Session, whether they be infant-schools, Sabbath-schools and Bible classes, or common schools of the greatest maturity and thoroughness; and that the word ACADEMY be used for institutions of the second grade, comprehending all existing institutions of this grade, as grammar schools for classics, high schools, gymnasia, institutes, normal schools for training teachers, female schools, and seminaries, and female colleges.

"5. *Resolved*, That each Presbytery establish, and amply endow, such Academies, under their own control, as may be ably sustained, guarding against premature undertakings, and all sources of decline.

"6. *Resolved*, That all such Academies as are under the supervision of the Presbyterian church make their annual Report to the Synod, either directly or through the Presbyteries; and that Academies, not strictly under their supervision, but in harmony with their system, and receiving our co-operation, may be reported in like manner.

"7. *Resolved*, That the Synod add to their order of business, the one of *Education*, to take precedence of all business not strictly Ecclesiastical, and Missionary; appoint a Board of Education, to whom are to be referred, all reports on Education, not otherwise ordered; that this Board prepare the most practical directions for aiding Church-Sessions in originating and improving their schools; prepare the form in which returns are to be made to Presbytery and Synod; recommend the most approved books for the schools; make ready for early publication, those legal forms by which school-lots, bonds, funds, endowments, and bequests, to any branch of our system of Presbyterial Education can be made sure, in due forms of law; that this Board prepare, for the adop-

tion of the Synod, the rules of its own organization and government; have full authority to raise funds for this system of school extension, and apply them; appoint Agents, conduct anniversary meetings, support beneficiaries, appoint committees of visitation, and be the organs of this Synod, to carry forward all the parts of a Christian, Republican, and Presbyterial Education.

"In passing to the third grade, there is a necessity for recording the distinction between a *College* and a *University*. The College, commencing where the Academy stops, by legal enactments and usages, imparts the discipline, the science, and the literature, fitting young men to enter upon the study of either of the learned professions. No less essential to the College, is that character for learning, talent, and elevation, which render its honours of reputation with the learned. A diploma of less than *par value* is repudiated. The *University*, in fact, rather than so named in a charter, provides for all parts of a College, with the munificence of a State; and, above a College, it sustains the several Professions; and furnishes facilities for the augmentation of learning. Cambridge College has *grown* into a University; so has Yale. Princeton and Union continue to adorn the College grade.

"The University of North Carolina, like the State, is moving steadily on, to its high destination. It has no rival; and cherishes no envy. The time may not be far distant, when the Legislature will be proudly liberal and munificent towards this first-born, this only daughter of the Republic. Learning requires society, not commercial nor political, but the concentration and conflict of mind. The Roman maxim, *Tres Faciunt Collegium*, may, ere long, prompt our Legislature to establish, within the healthful groves of the University, the School for Law and for Medicine; and, with Parental wisdom, invite all Christian denominations in the State, to plant, near the University, their own Theological Seminaries. To this inheritance we are born. We are not so remote from its origin or its history, as to forget our birthright. We seek no exclusive privilege,—no preponderating influence. We expect to enjoy the benefits of its ceaseless expansion and maturity, as we do our Constitution and Laws, in common with our fellow-citizens; and we desire to cherish, in our own minds, and in the self-consciousness of all our churches, a corresponding interest.—Therefore,

"8. *Resolved*, That such members of the Synod as may be Professors in the University, be requested, annually, to lay before us whatever most concerns morals and true religion; with such suggestions as they may deem most appropriate to their office.

"Holding so intimate a connexion as we do with the one institution of all the people, let our prayer evince our sincere desire, that the University of North Carolina rise up, a column of light, shedding down upon our Colleges and churches, upon our Courts of justice and Legislature, upon our union and civilization, the choicest influences of learning, genius, and piety. These views have led some of our number to regard a College as unnecessary; and, on the whole, of bad tendency. Others regard these objections as imaginary; and they are confident, that the results, on all parts of our system, and on the University itself, will be good and abiding.

"Will not our brethren, engaged, for years, in gathering up the avails of their increased industry and frugality to endow this College, trusting that self-sacrifice for so sacred a cause will be approved on high, feel themselves *injured*, by our indifference and aversion? Their views are not *mere impressions*. Some of their views are facts. Some, manifest tendencies in society, beyond the power of argument to control. Others, doubtless, are opinions, to be manifested by conference.

"The length of the State, extending hundreds of miles West of the College, along the borders of Tennessee; the vast mountain regions, fertile often to the summits; valleys, teeming with a free, frugal, and intelligent people; an increasing aversion to sending their children down the country; remoteness from market and commerce and manufactories, vastly increasing the number desiring education, but diminishing the avails of free labour, below the yearly expenses at the University;—numbers resorting to other States:—These causes, operating, with increasing force, for thirty years, till not one in ten thousand is where the State has provided, have led all the churches to commence a College, in the centre of a Presbyterian population.

"One other cause, strongly operating,—one of principle, growing out of the history of the people and of the church, and of its more recent return to its original and constitutional elements,—gave living power to the conviction, that a College, conducted by the church, and filled with her sons, could not fail of favour from God, and with all good men.

"The resolutions in the Presbytery of Concord have rendered the 12th of March, 1835, a memorable day. On the 1st of August, subscriptions were made sure, for Thirty-six thousand dollars. The College was located on a hundred and seventy acres, where it now stands.

"Buildings have been erected, with an economy hardly credible. The Chapel of brick, two stories high, sixty feet by forty; a Steward's hall, sixty-four feet by forty, two stories high; three Professors' houses, with their appendages; five blocks of Students' rooms, all of brick, tin roofed; and all for Twenty-five thousand dollars. Two Society Libraries, of well chosen literature, twelve thousand volumes,—Three thousand dollars; Library and Apparatus, Two thousand dollars; two Professorships endowed, with Thirty-four thousand dollars;—making Sixty-four thousand dollars, and free of debt.

"Seven classes, ninety-four young men, have received their diplomas. Of these, thirteen are in the Ministry, fourteen admitted to the Legal, and nine to the Medical Profession; while most of the others are in preparation for the same.

"The recent bequest of Mr. Carson, of Charlotte, N. C., of Five Thousand dollars, with his valuable Library, has accomplished more than its intrinsic worth, in removing, from the minds of some, the possibility of failure. At this very time, in place of waiting for our commendation, the Trustees are filling the third Professorship, while the Alumni are providing funds for a new edifice.

"The Synod cannot fail to perceive, that the time has passed by:—We are too late to discuss the question of beginning a College. It rises up to greet us, not imploring our aid, but coming to our standard;—giving strength, unity, and system, to our whole plan.

"Visit Davidson at Commencement:—What an assemblage, from the mountains to the coast!—Twenty or thirty Ministers. What enthusiasm of young men! What love of learning, virtue, and their College! How laborious in study! How frugal in expense! How devoted the Professors! How parental the government! How filial the pupils! What more do the Synod ask, in the first seven years? Are we the men so abundant in great action, to neglect, to discourage, to undo?

"Did our fathers err, in founding Colleges? Have the Caldwells and Davidsons proved traitors to the State? Why uncover our heads, at their sepulchres, and not walk in their footsteps?

"For us not to express the most cordial approval and co-operation, at this time, is to condemn our General Assembly, and to stultify the whole system of Presbyterial Education. Therefore,

"9. *Resolved*, That Davidson College, thus far endowed, be an integral part of our system of the third grade, under the care of the Synod; that its report be laid before us, Annually; and that the friends of the College, in all our bounds, aid the Board, in enlarging their buildings, library, apparatus, and Professorships; and that our Board of Education appoint a Committee to attend its examinations.

"In conclusion, the need of funds, to carry into full operation, the Parochial Schools, the Academies, and the College, is great.

"The connexion of its results with the other parts of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, ought to be more strongly felt by this Synod, than it can by others. What difficulties bear down the energies of all present, save the Pastors of a few growing congregations! This call for money may put to hazard the wisest provisions for all coming times.

"Had the contemplated Board of Education Ten Thousand Dollars of yearly income, how wisely and efficiently could it be used, to call out the energies and resources now dormant! The great blessings are inherited. Institutions, Christian Schools, make society, elevate the race, and perfect the individual.

"If the State did *nothing*, the church would do the *whole*. For us to depend on the bread of State bounty, or of taxation, is to give our children to increasing misery, and ourselves to shame. The Presbyterian church arose, with the Union of the Church and School:—They must stand together, or sink together; and so sink, that no friendly hand will record the fall: or sensibility cherish the good deeds of its youth and manhood. But the path of the righteous shall be like the Sun, that never declines. Therefore,

"10. *Resolved*, that each Pastor, at an early period, preach a Sermon, to lead all his people to a cordial adoption of the views of the Synod, and to a full practical conviction, that no object for which youth seeks good habits, or the young man acquires property, or the father applies it, to bless his children, compares with the one of providing a Christian Education.

"The Ordinance of Baptism requires the Institutions for Christian Education, among the most civilized, no less than among Pagans and Idolators. What are Missions, without Mission-Schools?

"Our Lord, in his last and great command, 'Go into all the world, making disciples, teaching them', implies, that the school of Christ will receive the child baptized in his church.

"'Still,' some allege, 'there is no *necessity* for *Presbyterian Schools.*' 'Charity schools of the State,' they affirm, 'will be glad to receive the lambs of our Shepherds.' 'The expense of Academies,' they argue, 'can be saved; others can do this for them; and will rejoice to hear of the failure of this entire system. Why attempt a College! Let Davidson sink to an Academy. Others can build Colleges, not only for their own daughters, but also for our sons. Romanists, of every grade, in Europe and America, are ready to do all our work.'

"The heart sickens at the contrast. Are we prepared for this sacrifice? Could Thomas Chalmers, or Gilbert Tennant, or Joseph Caldwell, or John H. Rice, or Archibald Alexander, rise, in this Synod, with what demonstration, from *experience*, would he urge us, to prepare this entire *system of Christian Education for the Presbyterian population of North Carolina.*"

"All which is respectfully submitted."

(Signed,) "GILBERT MORGAN, Chairman of the Committee."

In fulfilment of the provision contained in the 7th resolution embraced in the preceding report, the following persons were appointed, to constitute the Board of Education of this Synod, charged with the duties specified in the said resolution; viz: The Rev'd Mr. Gilbert Morgan, President; Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, Corresponding Secretary; The Rev'd Alex'r Wilson, D. D.; The Rev'd Messrs. John A. Gretter, Daniel A. Penick, Adam Gilchrist, and Neill McKay; Henry Elliot, Esq.; and Dr. C. W. Harris.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of this Synod consist of nine members.

The following Minute was submitted; and being read, was adopted; viz:

Inasmuch as it is highly important, that the Report, touching Davidson College, be spread before the churches, with all practicable expedition; and inasmuch as the Editor of the "Watchman and Observer" has offered to publish that report in an early number of his paper; and to send ten copies thereof to any one handing him twenty-five cents; therefore

Resolved, that this proposal of the said Editor be acceded to, by this Synod.

The Stated Clerk produced a Synodical Report to the General Assembly, grounded on the Annual Reports of the Presbyteries to this Synod; which, being read, was adopted; and is as follows; viz:

"The Synod of North Carolina report to the General Assembly, that they consist of Three Presbyteries; and that these Presbyteries consist, in whole, of Eighty-three members; having under their care, a hundred and forty six congregations, twelve Licentiates, and ten Candidates: viz:

Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Licentiates.	Candidates.
1. Orange,	27	43	5	6
2. Concord,	27	55	6	1
3. Fayetteville,	29	48	1	3
Total,	83	146	12	10

"The Synod further reports, that, within the past year, its Presbyteries have ordained, *sine titulo*, two ministers, as Evangelists; ordained one minister, and installed him, as a Pastor; licensed four Probationers; received, from other Presbyteries, two ministers and three licentiates; organized one church; dissolved five Pastoral relations; restored one minister from a sentence of suspension; and dismissed, with a view to connexions with other Presbyteries, four ministers, and one licentiate; and that their next Synodical Sessions are to be held, in the town of Salisbury, in the County of Rowan, N. C., to commence on Wednesday, the 1st of November, 1848, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

"By Order of the Synod.

(Signed,) "COLIN McIVER, Stated Clerk."

"Fayetteville, N. C., 6th Nov'r, 1847."

Ordered, that an authentic transcript of the above report be duly forwarded to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The following resolutions were submitted; and, being read, were adopted, with perfect and cordial unanimity; viz:

Resolved, that the thanks of this Synod be given to the Citizens of Fayetteville, for their kindness and hospitality to its members, during the present Sessions; and to the Office-bearers of the several churches, in this town, for the use of their houses of worship, during the same period.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Synod be given to The Rev'd Robert H. Morrison, D. D., for his excellent Sermon, on the subject of Colportage, delivered in the audience of its members; and that Dr. Morrison be and he hereby is affectionately requested, to permit the same to be published, in the "Watchman and Observer."

The Stated Clerk was directed, to cause Two hundred and fifty copies of the Minutes of the present Sessions of Synod to be printed; and to distribute the same among the members, and among the Presbyteries, as usual.

Adjourned, to meet, in the Presbyterian Church, in the Town of Salisbury, in the County of Rowan, on Wednesday, the 1st of November, 1848, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer, an appropriate hymn, and the Apostolic Benediction.